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In re application of

Kenji KATAOKA

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ELECTROSTATIC BREAKDOWN PREVENTION  
APPARATUS FOR ELECTRONIC APPARATUS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of October 1, 2002,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Please replace the specification in its entirety on the  
accompanying separate pages.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

--5. (amended) An electrostatic breakdown prevention  
apparatus for an electronic apparatus which includes a connector  
for connecting and disconnecting, between an electronic apparatus  
body and an external apparatus, a signal line used for  
bidirectional data transfer between said electronic apparatus  
body and said external apparatus, comprising:

an electrostatic breakdown preventing smoothing circuit  
provided for the signal line on said electronic apparatus body  
side with respect to said connector for smoothing a signal

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